

Application No. 10/657,336

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the first Office Action original claims 3 and 5 were allowed, and claims 1, 2, 4, 6 and 7 were rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention, but indicated to otherwise be allowable. It is respectfully submitted that this is fully corrected by the above claim amendments and the following specification citations. The thoroughness of the Examiner in catching the (now-corrected) formal antecedent expression errors in claims 1 and 6 (which do not, of course, affect the *scope* of any claims under *Festo*) is appreciated.

As to the request for explanation for claim 7 lines 3-5, it is respectfully submitted that there is clear specification support and explanation for this in specification paragraph [0018], especially lines 6-9 thereof, and also the last two sentences of paragraph [0020], in addition to the movement arrow for those components 22, 14, et al shown in Figs. 1 and 2, as will be very clear to those skilled in this particular art [for whom the law requires all patent enablement descriptions are to be written].

No additional fee is believed to be required for this amendment. However, the undersigned Xerox Corporation attorney hereby authorizes the charging of any necessary fees, other than the issue fee, to Xerox Corporation Deposit Account No. 24-0025. This also constitutes a request for any needed extension of time and authorization to charge all fees therefor to Xerox Corporation Deposit Account No. 24-0025.

A telephone interview is respectfully requested at the number listed below prior to any further Office Action, i.e., if the Examiner has any remaining questions or issues to address after this paper, other than for a notice of allowance. The undersigned will be happy to discuss any further Examiner-proposed amendments as may be appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,



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